

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HIROSHI KOGA) : Examiner: B. Lanier
Application No.: 09/987,833) : Group Art Unit: 2132
Filed: November 16, 2001) :
For: AUTOMATIC)
AUTENTICATION METHOD :
AND SYSTEM IN PRINT)
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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance dated June 28, 2007 in the above-referenced application. The issue fee is due on September 28, 2007, and is being paid concurrently herewith.

In the Notice, the Examiner indicates that the reasons for allowance given in the Notice are “[i]n addition to the reasons for allowance stated previously (Office Action mailed on 09 May 2007)”. (Notice of Allowability, page 2). However, the reasons for allowance stated in the Office Action dated May 9, 2007 appear to be directed to independent Claims 1 and 7, and not to independent Claims 27, 33 and 41. In addition, the reasons given in the Office Action are not directed to the current claim language. For

example, the reasons recite “using an application interface (API) called by the printer driver”. (Office Action, page 3). However, Claims 1 and 7 recite “using an application interface (API) for the printer driver”.

Furthermore, the reasons state “wherein this composite recitation incorporated into independent claims 1, 33, and 41, renders these claims, and their dependants, allowable.” (Office Action, page 3). However, incorporating the limitations of one claim into another claim would be clearly improper, and as such, Applicant believes this is not the Examiner’s intended meaning. Rather, it is Applicant’s understanding that Claims 1 to 7, 27 to 29, 32 to 35, 38 and 41 are allowed because the claimed subject matter thereof, when considered as a whole, is not anticipated by and would not have been obvious from the art of record.

Therefore, if Applicant’s understanding is not correct, the Examiner is respectfully requested to state such for the record.

Applicant’s undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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